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This is UNEVALUATED Information

1. On 28 April 1955, it was determined that an engineer training site was being established north of the Weissenfels-Naumburg railroad line near the branch-off to Zeitz. Aside of a bay about 10 meters deep and 15 meters wide on the south bank of the Saale River, a second artificial bay, about 20 meters deep and 30 meters wide, had been built. A new wooden tower was seen in the area.¹ 25X1
2. Between 22 April and 1 May, the Bismarck Kaserne (8385) in Naumburg was occupied by 1,200 to 1,300 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets. Nine 37-mm AA guns and 5 four-barreled guns were seen in the installation. Field howitzers of 152-mm were no longer observed. No observations could be made in the gun repair shop. About 50 to 60 newly painted empty trucks were lined up in the barracks yard, presumably for departure. At 1615 on 4 May, 9 x 85-mm AA guns, 8 x 37-mm AA guns, 8 four-barreled guns, 2 trucks towing range finders, several other trucks and some 200 soldiers left the installation and were entrained at the Naumburg-Ost railroad station.^{2 3} 25X1
3. Between 22 April and 1 May, the Hindenburg Kaserne (8383) was occupied by an estimated 400 soldiers. Some 100 motor vehicles including many sedans and several buses were seen in the installation. The intensive traffic, particularly of officers, indicated that a headquarters was stationed there. At 2000 on 3 May, many trucks, 2 buses, 5 radio trucks and soldiers wearing red epaulets from the Hindenburg Kaserne were entrained at the Naumburg railroad station.² 25X1
4. Between 22 April and 1 May, the Barbara Kaserne (8384) was occupied by a signal unit of about 300 soldiers.² 25X1
5. The Oberlandesgericht (8387) was occupied only during daytime. The sentries were furnished alternately by the Hindenburg and the Barbara Kaserne. The acting general was quartered on Buchholz Strasse.² 25X1
6. The Hubertus Kaserne (8382) was occupied by approximately 1,300 soldiers including 600 engineer soldiers, 400 artillerymen and 300 soldiers of an SP gun unit. Twelve 160-mm mortars were being cleaned. Three SU-76 guns were seen en route from the installation to Bluecher Kaserne (8381). Six to seven piles totaling 50 to 70 DMP-42 pontoons were seen in the barracks yard. At 1400 on 3 May, about 115 new trucks, some 20 sedans and soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets were loaded at the Naumburg-Ost railroad station. The unit had come from the Hubertus Kaserne.^{1 2} 25X1

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7. Between 22 April and 1 May, the Bluecher Kaserne was occupied by some 1,200 soldiers wearing red epaulets.²

1. Comment. Other reports also indicated that an engineer unit was stationed in the Hubertus Kaserne in Weissenfels. The preparation of an engineer training site supports the assumption that an engineer battalion, probably the 67th Engr Bn of the 57th Gde Mts Rifle Div, is stationed in Weissenfels. 25X1

2. Comment. Observations in Naumburg agree with available information. 25X1
The loadings and the observation of the trucks in the Bismarck Kaserne indicate quite definitely the beginning of the transfer to the summer camp. The elements of the corps AAA regiment may have been entrained for Wustrow. 25X1

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